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SUBJECT BOVASSO THEATER WORKSHOP

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1. BOVASSO GROUP HAS PROVED FLEXIBLE AND HARDWORKING DURING KINGSTON STAY. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF INCIDENT ON ARRIVAL NIGHT

2. CAO AND JAMAICAN SPONSOR MET GROUP AT AIRPORT AT 9 PM SATURDAY. GROUP WAS WHISKED THROUGH CUSTOMS AND IN HOTEL BY 10 PM. CAO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED SCHEDULE, PASSED OUT PER DIEM AND FEE, LEFT HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER AND DEPARTED BY 10:30. MISS BOVASSO HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING, AS BEST HE COULD TELL.

3. SHORTLY AFTER 11:00 PM, PAS WAS CALLED BY SPONSOR WHO , HIGHLY INDIGNANT, THREATENED TO CANCEL ENTIRE WEEK'S ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF MISS BOVASSO'S UNSCHEDULED PERFORMANCE ATOP THE THREE-STORY HOTEL, WHICH IS ADJACENT UNIVERSITY AND HOUSES ART CENTER

4. SPONSOR SAID MISS BOVASSO HAD JUST BEEN
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SCREAMING TO ALL WITHIN HEARING, USING SOME "EXPLETIVES"

HE, A FORMER ARMY SERGEANT, HAD NEVER BEFORE HEARD.
SPONSOR SAID HE ATTEMPTED TO CALM HER DOWN AND LEARN
WHAT WAS BOTHERING HER, BUT SHE CONTINUED CURSING.

5. WHEN THE PAO MET WITH MISS BOVASSO THE FOLLOWING DAY
SHE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN NICER. WHEN ASKED WHAT HER
PROBLEMS WERE THE PREVIOUS NIGHT SHE ONLY MUMBLED
THAT SHE HAD BEEN VERY "DISTRAUGHT".

6. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE GROUP VOLUNTEERED THAT
MISS BOVASSO HAD BEEN VERY UPSET SINCE ARRIVING AT THE
AIRPORT IN NEW YORK AT 2 PM FOR A 3 PM FLIGHT
ONLY TO DISCOVER THE FLIGHT WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE
UNTIL 5 PM

7. SINCE THE ARRIVAL NIGHT, HOWEVER, MISS BOVASSO AND
THE ENTIRE GROUP HAVE BEHAVED IN EXEMPLARY FASHION AND
MADE MANY JAMAICAN FRIENDS. EVEN THE SPONSOR SEEMS
PLACATED AND APPRECIATIVE OF WORK GROUP
HAS DONE.

8. OTHERWISE, GROUP SEEMS PROFESSIONAL, WORKSHOPS
EFFECTIVE AND AUDIENCE RESPONSE HEARTENING. OBVIOUSLY
OTHER POSTS WILL HAVE LANGUAGE PROBLEM, SO BELIEVE
GUATEMALA EVALUATION WILL BE USEFUL TO CARACAS AND
BOGOTA. GERARD

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